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## Interview Summary

Application No.	Applicant(s)
09/689,430	WALSH ET AL.
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Q. Janice Li	1632

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):				
(1) Q. Janice Li, PTO.	(3) Murray Spruill, Kathryn Coulter, Appl. Rep.			
(2) Anne marie Wehbe, PTO.	(4)Kim Clary, Scentist at Gene targeting Inc.			
Date of Interview: <u>01 March 0703</u> .				
Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)□ Video Conference c)□ Personal [copy given to: 1)□ applicant	2) applicant's representative]			

Claim(s) discussed: 1-20 and 58-90.

Identification of prior art discussed: Dwarki, Pittman, Griatenko .

If Yes, brief description: draft for amendments and response.

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h)  $\times$  N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u>.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The rejection under 112, 1st paragraph may be withdrawn in view of the claim amendments and the evidence provided in the specification and IDS. With regards to rejection under section 103, applicants indicated that the amended claims are limited to an rAAV vector consisting of the AAV ITR promoter, and using the AAV ITR promoter is a surprise finding, because factor VIII is considered a peptide difficult to be expressed at high level and AAV ITR is a weak promoter. The Examiners indicated that claims as written do not require the levels of expression, thus, the rejection stands.